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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 6, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

We thank You on this day for the example of St. Nicholas, who fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned, gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth to all.

May all who work here in the people's House strive to imitate him by putting You first in all we do.

Give us the courage, love, and strength of St. Nicholas so that, like him, we may serve You through our service to all our brothers and sisters.

On this eve of December 7, may we be mindful of the great sacrifices of many of our ancestors who gave their last full measure while serving in our Armed Forces in defense of our Nation. We ask You, O Lord, to bless those who serve now and keep them from harm.

May all that we do be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATING HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate our very own Lina Hidalgo, the county judge and chief executive of Harris County, for being named to the Forbes 30 Under 30.

A proud immigrant, born in Colombia, and the product of Houston-area public schools, Lina was the first in her family to graduate from college.

Lina went on to serve as a medical interpreter at the Texas Medical Center and has supported immigrants throughout her career.

Last year, Lina became the first woman and the first minority ever elected county judge in Harris County.

Lina is an inspiration to everyone in the community and has dedicated her life to serving the public and promoting equality.

Lina is an example of how immigrants make America great, with her hard work and contributions to her county and her country. She is the product of the American Dream, an American value we must preserve so that everyone who turns to America for an opportunity to achieve a better life can achieve it.

I am so proud to congratulate my friend, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo.

“Felicidades y si se puede.” Congratulations, and, yes, you can.

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